All about the Blue Moon Inn

Montgomery's Unique Restaurant

The Blue Moon Inn

1816 Goode Street

Serving

Luncheons, Teas, Cocktail Parties, and Dinners

(Reservations required)

PHONE 263–3171

Advance orders taken for

Cakes, Desserts, and Sandwiches

Closed Sunday and Monday

SINCE 1919 the Blue Moon Inn has enjoyed a reputation for serving excellent food in a most unusual atmosphere.

Located in a quaint frame cottage in a residential section just two miles from the heart of downtown Montgomery, it appears more like a home than a restaurant. There is no sign of any kind on the house; a fact which many people think is quite strange.

During warm weather a fountain plays on a spacious three terraced garden and old brick walls covered with fig vine and ivy provide a delightful background for terrace dining. Boxwoods and century old oak trees lend an atmosphere of old world charm.

In the winter months, log fires burning on the brick hearths and the soft glow of candle light provide a cheery atmosphere.

The Blue Moon has been under the same management since its opening. Preparation of all food is personally supervised by its owner, Miss Leila Dowe.

The talented head cook has been employed since the Inn was first opened and most of the other members of the well trained staff have also played an important part in the Blue Moon's operation for many years.

Since its opening, this establishment has enjoyed a choice patronage of Montgomery's permanent residents and the military personnel of Maxwell and Gunter Fields.

All meals are by reservation only. There are five dining rooms with accommodations for parties of from six to a hundred people.

Because of the Blue Moon's unusual setting and un-restaurant like atmosphere, many customers have expressed an interest in the history of the house, so the following is provided for their benefit.

THE COTTAGE occupied by the Blue Moon Inn is approximately 100 years old.

In December 1879, John Dowe (grandfather of the present owner) was walking down Dexter Ave. As he passed the fountain at Court Square he recognized a friend engaged in auctioning property and waved what he thought was a friendly greeting. Later in the day this friend told him that his bid was high. John Dowe

was amazed but being Irish and a lover of the land, he was not too perturbed. So he paid for the property in gold and then hurried out to Goode St. to see where his newly acquired property was located.

His purchase consisted of a twenty acre tract of land and a five room frame cottage. The brick floored kitchen was a separate room in the back yard, completely detached from the house. John Dowe never lived here, but rented the house to a tenant and reserved part of the acreage for his own use in growing fruits and vegetables.

Timbers in the house are hand hewn, joined by wooden pegs, as are the windows and doors. The original house has been preserved in its initial state, though three wings have been added as increase in the volume of business at the Blue Moon made expansion imperative.

When the Blue Moon opened in 1919, it first occupied a small cottage directly opposite its present location, but four years later moved to its present site because more space was needed.